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MR. PRESIDENT :—" Not for Secretaryship you mean ! "

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it a fact that Natesa Ayyar, when he was the manager of the defunct taluk board, was charged with forgery of a cheque for Rs. 2,000?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Natesa Ayyar was charged for defalcation and other irregularities. Police enquiries revealed no tangible proof. His work was generally considered to be good."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the charges were foisted by Manicka Naicker himself, and the charges against Natesa Ayyar were found unsustainable and he was exonerated? " (Laughter.)

(No answer.)

Chingleput Wholesale Stores.

* 129 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Chingleput Wholesale Stores were the wholesalers for procuration and distribution in Madurantakam taluk and parts of Saidapet taluk ;

(b) whether it is a fact that large quantities of rice were transferred from Madurantakam Sub-depot to Saidapet Sub-depot in the year 1946 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of this stock about 1,068 bags of rice were missing and remained unaccounted for;

(d) whether it is a fact that this quantity has gone underground into the blackmarket ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Co-operative Department Official who unearthed this scandal has been transferred immediately ;

(f) whether it is a fact that these 1,068 bags of rice were written off in the accounts as wastage and dryage ; and

(g) whether the Government propose to hold an enquiry into the matter and bring the offender to book?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The stores are supplying rice to the Madras suburban area and rice is therefore being transferred not only from Madurantakam sub-depot but also from Conjeeveram, Chingleput and Uttiramerur to Saidapet.

" (c) No complaint in this regard has been received and no enquiry was therefore made.

" (d), (e) & (f) The Government have no knowledge.

" (g) The Government are having the matter enquired into."